

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-8, 13, 14, and 30-46 were previously pending. Claims 1, 8, 31, 37, and 40 are amended herein and claims 7, 36, 43 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1, 3-6, 8, 13, 14, 30-35, 37-42, and 44-46 remain pending with claims 1, 31, and 40 being independent.

Office Action

In the July 3, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner rejected:

- claims 1, 3-4, 14, 31-33, 38, and 40-41 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish (U.S. 6,370,037) and Iredale (U.S. 6,392,877);
- claims 5-8, 30, 34-37, 39, 43, and 45-46 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish, Iredale, and Trumbull (U.S. 4,105,246);
- claims 13, 37, and 44 as being obvious in view of Schoenfish, Iredale, and Hsu (U.S. 5,812,369); and
- claims 30, 39, and 42 as being obvious over Schoenfish, Hsu, and Iredale.

Entry of After-Final Amendment

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present after-final Amendment as the amendments made herein either (1) place all claims in a condition for allowance; or (2) place the claims in a better position for appeal. As the amendments to independent claims 1, 31, and 40 incorporate features from now-canceled dependent claims 7, 36, and 43, entry of the Amendment should not place a burden on the Examiner.

A Carry Case Including a Speaker

Each of the independent claims now recites that the carry case includes a speaker operable to generate sound corresponding to signals provided by a navigation device:

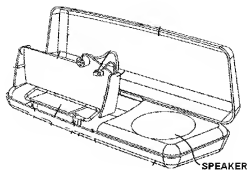
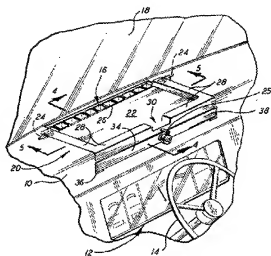


FIG. 21 (annotated)

The Examiner's rationale for finding this feature obvious is that Schoenfish discloses a navigation device with a speaker and this speaker would be "contained in the case of Trumbull" when combined with Schoenfish (Office Action, ¶ 9). Trumbull does disclose a dashboard attachment tray:



Trumbull (FIG. 1)

However, simply placing a navigation device (which includes its own speaker) within Trumbull's tray does not result in a carrying case including a speaker to generate sound from signals provided by a navigation device—as is recited in the independent claims. Applicant notes that the "navigation device" and "carrying case" are recited separately in each of the independent claims and

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the claimed speaker is recited as part of the carrying case and not part of the navigation device. In the Examiner's combination, the speaker is part of the navigation device.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in a condition for allowance. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791.

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